

Dear Citizen:

I am pleased to present you with the Police Department's 2003 Annual Report. The mission of the City of Fairfax Police Department is the delivery of responsive and professional police services in partnership with the community to reduce crime, solve problems and enhance public safety. In the face of difficult challenges and newly emerging threats, the accomplishments of the past year reflect the dedicated efforts of the men and women of this Police Department to fulfill that commitment. These accomplishments also reflect our strong partnerships with citizens, businesses, and organizations who actively support public safety and without whose assistance many of these successes would not have occurred.

Highlights of 2003 include:

- **Responsiveness to community concerns regarding cut-through traffic, reckless driving and speeding, pedestrian safety, parking complaints and other quality-of-life issues in residential neighborhoods.**
- **Significant reductions in the number of property crimes committed in the City of Fairfax. While the number of property crimes has decreased across the nation, the reductions in our City are greater than the national average and the average for cities of comparable size (10,000—25,000 population).**

The Police Department is fortunate to enjoy active participation by our residents and businesses, and strong leadership from our Mayor, City Council and City Manager. With your continued support the Police Department can meet the challenges of the coming years and maintain the outstanding police services that you expect and deserve.

On behalf of all the men and women of the City of Fairfax Police Department, I thank you for your past support and we look forward to our continuing partnership in public safety.

**Richard J. Rappoport, Colonel
Chief of Police**